

Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory LDRD Project Data Sheet - FY15

Project ID: FNAL-LDRD-2015-031

Project title: A comprehensive investigation of a transformational integrable optics storage ring as a “smart” rapid cycling synchrotron for high-intensity beams

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Project description: (short description and explanation of cutting edge, high-risk, high-potential science or engineering)

This proposal seeks to enhance Fermilab’s strategic vision via engaging in a comprehensive feasibility study and investigation of an integrable optics “smart” rapid cycling synchrotron (RCS) as an essential component of a potential future multi-megawatt (MW) facility to advance neutrino science. The high-level project objective over a 3-year period is a full analytical, computational and technical evaluation of a scenario for multi-MW neutrino facility based on an innovative high intensity RCS.

Tie to Mission: (explain the project’s relevance or anticipated benefits to Fermilab’s and DOE’s missions)

A future multi-MW accelerator would be an enabling new device for research at the forefront of the intensity frontier with possible application to high luminosity hadron machines at the energy frontier. If successful, the study will result in significant cost reduction for a planned new RCS aimed to attain the beam power in excess of 2 MW for the future long baseline neutrino program.

Previous year’s accomplishments: (as applicable)

The project start date is delayed until a new postdoc can be hired. There were 27 applications from which a short list and interview process continues. It is expected an offer will be made by the end of Sept. 2015. In addition, a student has been identified at NIU who will be preparing for coursework. Initial pre-project groundwork by the PI and co-PI’s should allow for the project to start promptly when the postdoc arrives.

Work proposed for current fiscal year and anticipated / desired results:

The proposal requests funding for a new Fermilab postdoctoral researcher in the accelerator division and partial funding for a graduate student at Northern Illinois University to perform the feasibility study under the direction of senior accelerator scientists. In the first year, tools and procedures for modeling the particle dynamics in a RCS will be developed along with identifying the limiting factors and technical issues associated with a multi-MW facility. If successful, the studies will continue to evaluate space charge effects and to design validation experiments that can be carried out at the Fermilab IOTA ring. The final year of funding will support the development of an integrated plan for a facility based upon the concepts developed.

Project funding profile: (costs, budgets, projected budgets, and total)

Prior year(s) costs	FY16 budgeted	FY17 budgeted	FY18 budgeted	Total
N/A	211.6K	521.8K	202.2K	935,600

Project Start Date: 2/01/2016 Total Approved Project funds: \$ 935,600